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Re: Support for Point Reyes Hostel Expansion

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing in support for the Conservancy's authorization of funds to construct additional family and staff accommodations at the Point Reyes Hostel. The Point Reyes Hostel provides low-cost lodging for visitors to Point Reyes National Seashore and to West Marin. Low-cost accommodations in this area are few and in high demand. The scarcity of affordable overnight accommodations in this popular tourist destination presents a significant gap in public access to the California coastline.

This project will add 12 beds for visitors to the current 44 bed capacity for a total of 56 beds. In addition, staff housing capacity will be increased from the current two rooms for staff to three rooms. Existing staff housing does not meet current federal, state and county health and safety codes. As a part of the project, existing staff housing, which is provided in a former garage, will be removed. It will be replaced with new staff housing designed by Sim Van der Ryn and Associates. The project will be a model of environmental sustainability, using green building materials and systems inside and out.

In addition to providing expanded accommodations for tourists, the project will enhance the environmental education programs offered at Point Reyes. Point Reyes Hostel is heavily used in the spring by schools and youth groups participating in environmental education programs run by the hostel's non-profit organization, the Golden Gate Council of American Youth Hostels. The additional space will enable the hostel to take larger educational groups.

As the Senator representing this area, I strongly support the efforts Hostelling International, Golden Gate Council, Golden Gate Council of Youth Hostels and the Point Reyes National Seashore. Over 2,000,000 people from around the world visit Point Reyes National Seashore annually. The scarcity of low-cost accommodations in the Point Reyes area makes this project of importance to the large number of overnight visitors from throughout California and the world. I believe this project is worthy of the Conservancy's support.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Carole Migden Senator, District 3

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September 10, 2008

The Honorable Doug Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Doug,

I am pleased to express support for the California Coastal Conservancy's authorization of funds to construct additional family and staff accommodations at the Point Reyes Hostel. Low cost accommodations in Marin County are few and in high demand. The scarcity of affordable overnight accommodations in this popular tourist destination prevents many from visiting Point Reyes.

In addition to expanding accommodations for tourists, the project will enhance the environmental education programs offered at Point Reyes. Point Reyes Hostel is used in the spring and summer by a number youth organizations, and the additional space will enable the hostel to accommodate larger student groups.

Over 2,000,000 people from around the world visit Point Reyes National Seashore annually. The scarcity of low cost accommodations in the Point Reyes area makes this project of importance to the large number of overnight visitors from throughout California and beyond. I hope that the Conservancy will take this important step to enhance public access to this beautiful part of California.

Sincerely,

Nancy Pelosi,

Speaker of the House



August 14, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Oakland, CA 94612

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Sincerely.

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Mr. Douglas Bosco California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the grant application submitted by the Hostelling International Golden Gate Council to construct additional family and staff accommodations at the Point Reyes Hostel. The Point Reyes Hostel provides low-cost lodging for visitors to Point Reyes National Seashore and West Marin and is heavily utilized by schools and youth groups participating in environmental education programs.

It is my understanding that funding for this project will expand accommodations for tourists and will enhance the environmental education programs offered at Point Reyes. Over 2,000,000 people from around the world visit Point Reyes National Seashore annually. The scarcity of low-cost accommodations in the Point Reyes area makes this an important step toward increasing public access to the treasured peninsula.

I support the Hostelling International Golden Gate Council and believe this project will greatly benefit the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. I urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration. If you have any questions or comments, please contact my Grants Coordinator, Alexandra Walter, in my Santa Rosa office at (707) 542-7182.

Sincerely,

Lynn Woolsey

Member of Congress

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August 19, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to urge Conservancy funding to construct additional visitor, family and staff accommodations at the Point Reyes Hostel. As one of only two hostels in Marin County, Point Reyes Hostel provides low-cost lodging for visitors to Point Reyes National Seashore and West Marin that is in high demand. The scarcity of affordable overnight accommodations in this important National Seashore area presents a significant gap in public access to the California coastline.

This project will utilize green building materials and systems and will add 12 beds for visitors to the current 44 bed capacity for a total capacity of 56 beds. In addition, staff housing capacity will be increased from the current two rooms for staff to three rooms and modernized to meet current federal, state, and county health and safety codes.

Point Reyes Hostel is also heavily used in the spring by schools and youth groups participating in environmental education programs run by the hostel's non-profit parent organization, the Golden Gate Council of American Youth Hostels. The additional space will enable the hostel to serve larger educational groups.

Over 2,000,000 people from around the world visit Point Reyes National Seashore annually. The scarcity of low cost accommodations in the Point Reyes area and its role as an educational center and an environmental landmark make this a project of high importance. I trust the Conservancy will join me and support this environmental project to enhance public access to this beautiful and valuable part of the California Coast.

Sincerely,

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September 9, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support for Point Reyes Hostel Expansion

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Marin County Board of Supervisors is pleased to express support for the Conservancy's authorization of funds to construct additional family and staff accommodations at the Point Reyes Hostel. The Point Reyes Hostel provides low-cost lodging for visitors to Point Reyes National Seashore and to West Marin. It is one of only two hostels in Marin County. Low cost accommodations in this area are few and in high demand. The scarcity of affordable overnight accommodations in this popular tourist destination presents a significant gap in public access to the California coastline.

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Sincerely,

Charles McGlashan

President, Marin County Board of Supervisors

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## A HOME AWAY FROM HOMELESSNESS

September 2, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair

California Coastal Conservancy

1330 Broadway, 13th Floor

Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support for Point Reyes Hostel Expansion

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The School House, one of the programs of the non-profit, A Home Away from Homelessness, has taken two field trips to the Marin Youth Hostel and one to the Point Reyes Hostel. While we were lucky to have the bunk house at Point Reyes Hostel because we had booked early, we did see that, compared to the Marin Youth Hostel, the Point Reyes Hostel was cramped. It would be great if there was more accommodation available at the hostel. The staff, too, was stretched thin at the Point Reyes Hostel, trying to meet the needs of both the twenty children we had brought and the tourists.

The School House is an after school and summer school program for homeless middle school students in San Francisco. Part of our mission is to give these urban and disadvantaged kids a wide exposure to the outdoors. Our hike with the ranger, our tour of Marin Agricultural Land Trust dairies and farms and our playing on the beaches of the Seashore were wonderful ways to realize our mission. None of our adventures would have been possible without the Youth Hostel to stay in at a price we could afford.

Please do whatever you can to support the Conservancy's authorization of funds to construct additional family and staff accommodations at the Point Reyes Hostel.

Sincerely,

Sandra Niman, School House Director (415) 561-4603 direct

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I direct a summer and academic year leadership training program for Bay Area high school juniors and we've always been so pleased with our accommodations at the Point Reyes Hostel. I am thrilled to learn about the hostel's expansion plans that will give other youth programs and more students greater access to this invaluable resource that fosters an appreciation for nature.

The Point Reyes Hostel provides low-cost lodging for visitors to Point Reyes National Seashore and to West Marin. It is one of only two hostels in Marin County. Low-cost accommodations in this area are few and in high demand. We have certainly benefited greatly from the low-cost as our program operates with a very low budget while still trying to offer the students a high quality program experience. The scarcity of affordable overnight accommodations in this popular tourist destination presents a significant gap in public access to the California coastline.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at <u>achan@coro.org</u> or 415.986.0521, ext. 105.

Sincerely,

Amy Chan

Director of Youth Programs

August 18, 2008

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Sincerely,

**Emily Pimentel** 

Hosteling International Board Member

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